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SUBJECT: JAPAN ENVIRONMENT AGENCY WARNING ON POSSIBLE
THREAT TO MARINE LIFE FROM SULFUR-BASE PESTICIDES

1. AN ENVIRONMENT AGENCY REPORT ON RESIDUAL TOXICITY
OF AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS IN WATER CONTAINS "WARNING"
THAT PESTICIDES CONTAINING ORGANIC SULFUR MAY POSE A
THREAT TO MARINE LIFE IF AERIAL SPRAYING IS CARRIED OUT
IN PROXIMITY TO THE SEA. IN LABORATORY EXPERIMENTS
0.1PPM CONCENTRATION OF BOTH SUMITHION AND DENAPON WERE
TESTED IN GROUND, RIVER, LAKE, AND SEA WATER. RESULTS
SHOWED THAT RESIDUAL TOXICITY OF SUMITHION WAS GREATEST
IN SEA WATER: 40-60 OF ORIGINAL TOXICITY AFTER TWO
WEEKS (DENAPON WAS 10). AFTER REVIEWING RESULTS OF
RELATED STUDIES CONDUCTED RECENTLY AT MINISTRY OF
AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH
STATIONS, EA DECIDED TO ISSUE THE "WARNING" BUT STRESSES
THAT, SINCE REPORT DEALS WITH RESULTS OF LABORATORY TESTS,
ACTUAL OR QUANTITATIVE THREAT POSED BY SUCH PESTICIDES
IS NOT CONFIRMED. MANSFIELD

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